IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

TUESDAY, THE 13TH NOVEMBER 2007 / 22ND KARTHIKA 1929

W.P.(C) No. 31591 of 2007 - J

PETITIONERS:

1. RAJAN, S/O.RAMANDY, THEKKUMKARA HOUSE, KANJIKULAM (P.O), PALAKKAD DISTRICT.

2. KANDUNNI, S/O.CHERUTTY, THEKKUMKARA HOUSE, KANJIKULAM (P.O), MUNDOOR, PALAKKAD DISTRICT.

3. VELAYUDHAN, S/O.CHERUTTY, THEKKUMKARA HOUSE, KANJIKULAM (P.O), MUNDOOR, PALAKKAD DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.K.MOHANAKANNAN
SMT.A.R.PRAVITHA

RESPONDENTS:

1. THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS/CUSTODIAN OF ECOLOGICALLY FRAGILE LANDS, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, OLAVAKKODE.

3. CUSTODIAN & CONSERVATOR OF VESTED FORESTS, OLAVAKKODE, PALAKKAD DISTRICT.

BY SPL. GOVT. PLEADER, SRI. RENJITH THAMPAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 13/11/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.

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Dated this the 13th November, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The land belonging to the petitioner which was the subject matter of several litigations has now been notified as Ecologically Fragile Land. Seeking de-notification of the same, invoking the power of the 1st respondent under Section 19 of the Kerala Forest (Vesting & Management of Ecologically Fragile Land) Act, petitioner has filed Ext. P7 application. The relief sought for in the writ petition is for an expeditious disposal of the said application.

2. The learned Govt. Pleader has filed a statement in which it is stated that in Palakkad District there are about 130 applications and Ext. P7 is one of the latest applications filed in this behalf under Section 19. It is also stated that there is only one Team, which has to inspect and file report as regards all the applications in Palakkad District. For these reasons, they require at least six months time to complete the

process. The request, of course, appears to be genuine and therefore I dispose of this writ petition directing that the 1st respondent shall dispose of Ext. P7 application filed by the petitioner as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within six months of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

Before final decision is taken on Ext. P7, the petitioner shall also be given notice.

ANTONY DOMINIC
JUDGE

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